

## NUTRITION SERVICES REVISED MEAL CHARGING POLICY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST, 2018

In accordance with Senate Bill 250, the Child Hunger Prevention and Fair Treatment Act of 2017, San Jacinto Unified School District will allow a child to receive a lunch meal when a packed lunch or money is forgotten even if there is an outstanding balance. The goal of this policy is to provide students with a meal option regardless of the status of their meal account.

<u>All Students:</u> Parents are encouraged to prepay (see below) for student meals. However, we will allow all students to charge meals because good nutrition is essential to learning. If a student is unable to pay for their meal at the time of purchase, the student will be allowed to charge a meal to their account. While we will never deny a meal to a student, repayment of meal charges is required.

<u>New Students:</u> Until a lunch application has been processed and parents have received status determination, it is recommended that students bring a lunch or money to purchase lunch.

**Prepaid Meal System:** The school meal accounting system is a prepaid system. All paying students are eligible to establish a prepaid account. Payments can be made at any intervals, i.e. daily, weekly, etc. In addition to using cash and checks, parents can also pay online at <u>www.mymealtime.com</u> or by calling Nutrition Services at (951) 654-9371 with a credit/debit card.

<u>**Transferred Students (within District):**</u> A student that transfers schools within the District will also transfer any charges or credits on their account.

**Low-Balance Notices:** Weekly low-balance notices are sent out via SchoolMessenger. Monthly low and/or negative balance statements will be mailed.